

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A vehicle information supply method executed between an information terminal of a user and an information center through a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

storing in first storage means, of the information center, maintenance management information of a vehicle owned by a user, the maintenance management information being received from the user through the communication network;

storing in second storage means, of the information center, maintenance work information regarding maintenance work which are provided by an advertisement requestor;

linking the maintenance management information and the maintenance work information in the information center to extract a content of the maintenance work of the advertisement requestor which corresponds to a maintenance work required by the vehicle of the user; and

transmitting, from the information center to the information terminal through the communication network, a message indicative of an arrival of a maintenance time based on the maintenance management information and advertisement requestor information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides the extracted maintenance work.

2. (Original) The vehicle information supply method as in claim 1, wherein:

the maintenance management information includes a time of purchase of the vehicle of the user; and

the transmitting step transmits a regular vehicle inspection time based on the time of purchase and the information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides a regular vehicle inspection work.

3. (Original) The vehicle information supply method as in claim 1, wherein:

the transmitting step further transmits to the user terminal map information regarding a location of the advertisement requestor.

Claims 4 – 6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A vehicle information supply system for supplying vehicle information ~~to~~between an information terminal of a user and an information center through a communication network, the system comprising:

first storage means, in the information center, for storing maintenance management information of a vehicle owned by a user, the maintenance management information being received from the user through the communication network;

second storage means, in the information center, for storing maintenance work information regarding maintenance work which are provided by an advertisement requestor;

linking means for linking the maintenance management information and the maintenance work information, in the information center, to extract a content of the maintenance work of the advertisement requestor which corresponds to a maintenance work required by the vehicle of the user; and

transmitting means for transmitting, from the information center to the information terminal through the communication network, a message indicative of an arrival of a maintenance time based on the maintenance management information and advertisement requestor information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides the extracted maintenance work.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A storage medium for storing computer-readable programs which cause an information center to execute a vehicle information supply to an information terminal of a user through a communication network, the programs comprising the steps of:

storing in first storage means, of the information center, maintenance management information of a vehicle owned by a user, the maintenance management information being received from the user;

storing in second storage means, of the information center, maintenance work information regarding maintenance work which are provided by an advertisement requestor;

linking the maintenance management information and the maintenance work information to extract a content of the maintenance work of the advertisement requestor which corresponds to a maintenance work required by the vehicle of the user; and

transmitting, from the information center to the information terminal through the communication network, a message indicative of an arrival of a maintenance time based on the maintenance management information and advertisement requestor information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides the extracted maintenance work.

10. (Canceled)

11. (New) The vehicle information supply method as in claim 1, wherein

the second storage means stores maintenance work information by vehicle model, and

the linking of the maintenance management information and the maintenance management information is by the vehicle model.

12. (New) The vehicle information supply system as in claim 7, wherein
- the second storage means stores maintenance work information by vehicle model, and
- the linking of the maintenance management information and the maintenance management information is by the vehicle model.
13. (New) The storage medium as in claim 9, wherein
- the second storage means stores maintenance work information by vehicle model, and
- the linking of the maintenance management information and the maintenance management information is by the vehicle model.
14. (New) The vehicle information supply system as in claim 7, wherein:
- the maintenance management information includes a time of purchase of the vehicle of the user; and
- the transmitting means transmits a regular vehicle inspection time based on the time of purchase and the information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides a regular vehicle inspection work.
15. (New) The vehicle information supply system as in claim 7, wherein:
- the transmitting means further transmits to the user terminal map information regarding a location of the advertisement requestor.
16. (New) The storage medium as in claim 9, wherein:
- the maintenance management information includes a time of purchase of the vehicle of the user; and

the transmitting step transmits a regular vehicle inspection time based on the time of purchase and the information regarding the advertisement requestor which provides a regular vehicle inspection work.

17. (New) The storage medium as in claim 9, wherein:

the transmitting step further transmits to the user terminal map information regarding a location of the advertisement requestor.